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INTERNATIONAL DRUG SYNDICATE LONDON
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Narcotics Control Bureau and the Anti-Terrorist Squad of the Gujarat police claimed to have unearthed an international drug syndicate centered in London;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of persons arrested and the quantity of Narcotics drugs seized from them; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to curb the Narcotics drugs trade in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a),(b)&(c): On 29.6.2001,a joint team of Narcotics Control Bureau, Ahmedabad Zonal Unit and Anti Terrorist Squad of Gujarat intercepted a truck near Ahmedabad. The search of the truck resulted in the seizure of 4 packets of Heroin weighing 4.114 kg. Four persons including the truck driver were arrested in this connection. Interrogation of the accused revealed that they had earlier delivered heroin to a resident of Bhruch, Gujarat. The search by NCB officers at Bhruch residence of the person to whom earlier delivery was made led to recovery of three packets of Brown Sugar weighing 3.056 kg., a sum of Rs. 117500/- in cash, one pass port and some incriminating documents.

(d): Government of India has already taken a number of significant steps to prevent and put effective check on drug trafficking. These include instructions to all drug enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts, training to officers, fencing of Indo-Pak border provided with flood lighting, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act, quarterly coordination meetings by NCB, holding of quarterly cross-border meetings of Indian and Pakistani anti-narcotics agencies as a part of the border meetings of BSF and Pak Rangers, holding of operational level meetings with Myanmar officials and providing two sniffer dogs and also training dog handlers of Myanmar.